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## Conferences Cancelled Account War Condition

Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield Schools and head of the organization of the Northfield Summer Conferences, publicly announced to all concerned recently that the 1945 Northfield summer conference season had been cancelled because of the failure of the Office of Defense Transportation to grant approval of travel to these annual gatherings. The conferences, which brought as many as 15,000 people here in prewar summers, were founded in 1880 and include the General, Girls', Missionary, Religious Education, United Presbyterian, and Christian Endeavor conferences as well as the summer school of the Westminster Choir College. Sessions were held on the campuses of both Northfield School for Girls and Mount Hermon School for Boys. The action will be a matter of much regret to the many friends of these various gatherings who journey to Northfield each summer and also to the many summer residents who have homes in the various sections of the community for seasonal occupancy. However, at present, it was impossible to proceed into any program owing to the war conditions.

## Telephone Service

Good news for rural families, both farm and non-farm, who do not now have telephone service, is contained in the announcement of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company that it has filed with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities a revised schedule of construction charges effective April 1, 1945, under which the company will build without cost a half mile of line along the public highways for each rural applicant for service. In the past, the limit has been a quarter mile. Actual construction in most cases, of course, will have to wait until after the war when materials—now being manufactured almost exclusively for the armed services—again become available.

## Get Another Bequest

The Northfield School for Girls will receive a bequest of \$129,532 from the estate of the late Clarion B. Winslow of New York City, according to an appraisal of his estate filed in New York recently. Mr. Winslow was a retired executive of the F. W. Woolworth Co. and died October 26, 1943. He was a resident of White Plains, N. Y. He also bequeathed the Berry Schools of Georgia the sum of \$92,032.

## Sanford Edson Dies

Sanford James Edson, 63, died at the Franklin County Hospital Thursday, March 29, where he had been removed for treatment for a heart attack after suffering illness for the past five months at his home on the Plains Road. He was born in Quebec, Canada, in 1882 and came to Northfield to reside about 30 years ago. He was a market gardener. Surviving are his wife, Gladys Emily (Bowen) Edson and nine children: Mrs. Ellen Jones of California, Mrs. Eunice Dumbreck of this town, Arthur of South Vernon, Walter of Belmont, Mrs. Blanche Nimmons, Mrs. Gladys Gibson and Leroy and Arnold at home and Pfc. Alden Edson stationed in Germany. There are eight grandchildren. The funeral services were the following Saturday afternoon at Kidders funeral parlor and burial was in Center Cemetery.

## The Game Club Elect

At its recent annual meeting held at the Town Hall the local Fish and Game Association elected James E. Dresser as its president for the ensuing year. Raymond Dean was chosen vice-president, Mrs. Helen Stearns, treasurer and Philip Mann, Jr., secretary. There was a large attendance and it was voted to appropriate \$200 to buy trout to place in local brooks; and \$200 to buy pheasants to stock local hunting areas. It was decided to hold the annual banquet sometime during the month of May and a committee will be named to arrange the same.

## White - Strange

Miss Mary Elizabeth Strange, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Strange of West Northfield and Leonard Gray White, son of Mr. and Mrs. John White of Jamaica, Vt., were married Saturday afternoon, March 31, at the bride's home by the Rev. George A. Bronson. They were attended by Mrs. Robert R. Strange, Jr., as bridesmaid and by Mr. White, the groom's father. The bride wore a gray street dress with matching accessories. She had attended the local schools and her husband attended school at Jamaica. He has received a medical discharge from the army at Fort Blanding, Fla., where he was in training.

## Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Stacy of West Northfield were given a surprise party Saturday evening, March 31, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gray on Birnam Road in honor of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

They were married March 31, 1920, in Greenfield by Rev. J. B. Whiteman of St. James Episcopal Church and have four children: T-Sgt. Andrew in the army air force; Pfc. Gilbert with the U. S. Marines; Phoebe, a student at the School for Girls, and David at home. A large number of invited guests greeted them at the reception and a program of entertainment was given followed by refreshments. They were given several gifts and tokens of esteem. Mrs. Gray as hostess was assisted by Mrs. Fred I. Bolton, Mrs. Christine Kasandi, Mrs. George Lombard and Mrs. Bernard

## Unitarian Women

The Women's Alliance of the Unitarian Church held its annual luncheon and business meeting at the church on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. John V. McNeil, president, presided and reports of the year's work which were rendered were gratifying. A committee consisting of Mrs. Harold Bigelow, Mrs. Joseph Morgan and Mrs. S. F. Harriman served the luncheon.

## Joseph Langua Dies

Joseph A. Langua, a former B&M railroad employee, who retired about four years ago because of ill health, died Wednesday, March 28, at his home in South Vernon at the age of 51 years. He was the son of Joseph and Margaret Langua and his wife, who survives, was the former Kathleen Dolthorn of Holyoke. Also surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Twyson of Greenfield; Mrs. Nora Greene of West Springfield and Mrs. Mary Mattoon of New London, Conn.; two brothers, Fred Langua of New London and Nelson Langua of Brattleboro. Funeral services were held the following Monday morning at St. Patrick's Catholic Church with a requiem high mass by Rev. Father McCormack and burial was in St. Michael's Cemetery in Brattleboro. Many friends extend their deepest sympathy to his widow in her sorrow.

## Town Nurse Activity

The town and school nurse, Miss Natalie Gowen, has submitted her report for the month of March to the Selectmen and it may be of interest to our citizens in getting acquainted with her work. Miss Gowen has made 117 visits, non-contagious 78, in interest of school children 15, pre-school 4, infant 2, pre-natal visits 4, past natal visits 3. Transportation to doctors and hospital 9, social service 9.

Miss Gowen is in her office at the town hall from 4:30 to 5 each afternoon except Saturday and Sunday and will weigh babies and help with any health problems.

## An Emblem of Honor

Again we call attention to this emblem of honor which you should know and readily discern when worn on the coat lapel of former service men. It is the badge of honorable discharge from the service of their country and return to civilian life.

Miss Alice Drake has returned from a visit with friends in New Jersey and reopened her home on Pine Street.

## Town Topics

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet Wednesday afternoon, April 18, with Mrs. Leon Alexander at the home of her daughter.

The recent cold snap when the thermometer went down to below freezing failed to do any serious damage to budding trees or early planting of vegetables or flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Murray of South Vernon have received a postcard recently from their son, Pvt. Ernest G. Murray, who is a prisoner of war in Germany. He was reported as missing in action last December, but this is the second card they have received from him since then. No detailed information is given.

Services were well attended in our churches on Easter Sunday and flowers were in abundance. Appropriate sermons were delivered by the ministers.

Frank Tie, son of Mrs. Eleanor Webster of this town, who has been with the army air corps in the Philippines and has seen service in New Guinea and the East Indies, and who has been in a hospital in the West, has been transferred to a hospital in New York.

Dr. John Bennett, a lieutenant in the army medical corps, son of Mrs. A. F. Bennett of the Farms, has received an honorable discharge after three and a half years of service. He is returning from North Africa to resume his practice at his home in Carolina where his wife and family are located.

Master Sgt. John J. Hurley, who is with the 15th air force in Italy, has been given the distinguished unit badge, his group being cited for outstanding performance of duty against the enemy.

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